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The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2626; Weapons; Peace Officers; Posse; Reserves

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2626, a bill that included provisions I vetoed last year regarding an unreasonably narrow definition of "concealed" for purposes of the concealed weapons law.

As I said in my April 27, 2007 veto letter, I object to the idea that a weapon is not considered concealed for purposes of the concealed weapons laws if *any* portion of the weapon is visible. Common sense tells us that exposure of a small corner of a gun handle is insufficient to give reasonable notice to the public or to law enforcement that a person is armed.

For this and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2626.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Napolitano", followed by a horizontal line.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Timothy S. Bee
The Honorable Russell K. Pearce